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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to urge the Commission to approve LightSquared's launch as soon as is feasible without significant disruption to GPS devices. I personally know what this can mean for the welfare and public safety of our citizens in Kentucky, because I was employed by Kentucky's Homeland Security Training Program, at Eastern Kentucky University, in Richmond, Kentucky, and am a graduate of that University's law enforcement program. In my role in these programs, I learned firsthand how a robust and powerful telecommunications system can help save the lives of real people. I urge the commission to help LightSquared bring its cutting edge service to the people of rural Kentucky, a group that has been underserved by technology for decades, and which has suffered economically because of that level of underservice.

Given the rapidly rising demand for wireless broadband data services across the U.S., it is essential that more spectrum be assigned to wireless broadband as soon as possible. I know that the Commission and the President agree with this goal, as spelled out in the National Broadband Plan. When a company steps up, as LightSquared is doing, with a plan to address these needs, our people deserve to know the truth about these issues.

LightSquared's proposed 4G-LTE network represents the best chance in the short term for a significant expansion of the nation's wireless broadband spectrum. This network would be

a privately funded initiative using spectrum long assigned to LightSquared and its predecessors. LightSquared is an established communications provider with sufficient capital and expertise to construct a national next-generation broadband wireless network. Its network would greatly expanded our nation's broadband wireless spectrum at a time when demand for wireless data downloads is exploding. In addition, as a wholesaler, LightSquared would greatly increase competition in the consolidating wireless industry, a big plus for consumers.

By providing its service on a wholesale basis, LightSquared would achieve another important benefit to the United States: increased competition in the wireless industry. Not only would a wholesale 4G-LTE provider allow small wireless providers to upgrade their service offerings, but it would also allow new entrants to launch service – including retailers who sell electronic devices requiring broadband wireless connectivity.

Kentucky remains a heavily rural state. People all across this state depend on first responders who depend on good telecommunications equipment. I strongly urge the Commission to help those first responders by developing a plan that will allow both LightSquared to develop its revolutionary 4G service plan, and allow conventional GPS technology to exist as well. The people of rural Kentucky, and rural America, will benefit greatly from this service.

Sincerely,



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